

The Mysterious REFLECTION

“For now **WE SEE ONLY A REFLECTION** as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now **I KNOW IN PART**; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” (I Corinthians 13:12).

We see a partial reflection of the heavenly world and the events taking place in the third heaven through the scriptures. What is man that God would be mindful of him? What purpose does He have for mankind when His world and all those in the third heaven are eternal, superior, powerful, and—worthy?

Or—are **all** of them worthy?

Like a giant puzzle, fragments of clarity are found in the search to know and understand the mysterious reflection that is ever present in the creation of mankind made **MALE AND FEMALE**.

GOD’S REALM IN HEAVEN IS IN REBELLION.

“If **God puts no trust in His holy ones, if even the heavens are not pure in His eyes, how much less man, who is vile and corrupt, who drinks iniquity like water?**” (Job 15:15-16)

Job opened a window into the heavens revealing critical pieces of the great puzzle of God’s plan. God has lost trust in His “holy ones” in the heavens; iniquity is present in God’s realm.

The notion that only righteous beings exist in heaven is a misnomer. The notion that the angels who followed Satan in the great rebellion against their Creator God are passive winged beings playing black harps or bumbling angelic beings is also a misnomer. These fallen angels have varying heavenly rulership positions of great power and detailed knowledge of Almighty God and His workings. Their story is preserved for us, written in God’s coded language and revealed to those who serve Him.

GOD IS TRANSPARENT TO THOSE WHO SERVE HIM.

“Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless **He reveals His plan to His servants**” (Amos 3:7-8). God has a plan and He shares His plan with His trusted servants. While everything may not be crystal clear, the great puzzle can be solved, for God’s Holy Spirit is now available and with God’s Holy Spirit, the deep things of God can be discovered.

A thorough search through the scriptures of the Bible uncovers a long-time mystery: the reason why God made **mankind—male and female**.

THE MYSTERY IS REVEALED IN THE GENDER ROLES.

God formulated His plan with fore-knowledge. He anticipated the rebellion in the heavens and the fall of man. While there is no saving the fallen heavenly beings, God provided a Savior for mankind. He is establishing a new government and including mankind. The gender roles reveal God’s order and purpose for mankind. The creation of Adam and Eve tells the story.

GENESIS: A GOOD PLACE TO START.

ADAM was created to image God and the heavenly sons of God who all hold powerful positions of rulership. It is likely that both Adam and Eve's body prior to their sin shone with the glory of God, which was lost after they sinned and they were then clothed by God. "A man ought not to cover his head, since **HE IS THE IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD...**" (1 Corinthians 11:7).

Scripture states:

- Adam was created **before Eve** (Genesis 2)
He was created before Eve intentionally to teach us that there exists a body of heavenly sons of God before mankind was created. Adam images these heavenly beings.
- Adam **named the animals** before the creation of Eve, **indicating the authority the sons of God hold before** the creation of mankind (Genesis 2:19). The heavenly sons of God have rulership in heaven; they are members of God's holy, royal, ruling family.
- Adam's body is **different** to Eve's; he is **physically stronger** as one example and she can conceive and birth children. This difference reflects the role of Christ who will remain stronger than resurrected mankind. Her ability to conceive and birth children reflects her role as a church to teach the word of God and produce a congregation of God-fearing and God-serving members.
- Adam finds **no help-meet** (Genesis 2:18). There does not appear to exist in heaven, at this time, complimenting partners for the heavenly ruling sons of God.
- Adam was put to sleep (Genesis 2:21). After Adam sinned, phase two of God's plan was activated and the first Adam was replaced by a second Adam. The first heavenly ruling sons who mirrored the first Adam were replaced by one Son of God who mirrors the second Adam. A tested Son of God, the tested stone of Isaiah 28:16 and 1 Peter 2:6 succeeded and became the Savior of mankind. Just as Adam was put to sleep, so this Son of God died [put to sleep] to pay the price for the sins of mankind. As a result, from him the newest creation has been redeemed and eternal life is once again an option.
- **Eve is created from a rib from Adam** (Genesis 2:21).
As Adam awoke to view Eve, his beautiful helpmeet made from one of his ribs, so our Savior after his resurrection, watches repentant mankind grow into a radiant church in him.
- When Adam saw Eve, **immediately he knew she was good for him** (Genesis 2:23).
Christ loves his church and died for it and all of mankind.
- **Both of them: male and female/existing sons of God and resurrected mankind** are created in the **image of God** (Genesis 1:27). Resurrected mankind will rule as children of God in His holy, royal, ruling family. The sons of God prior to the creation of mankind and resurrected mankind are all created in the image of God; they are all children of God in His royal, ruling kingdom.
- **The heavenly domain and earthly domain** are homes for the two separate creations within God's family.
The domains: heaven and earth of each of these two groups of eternal children of God will remain their own domain and when all things are restored, both domains will be made new, for "God will create a new heaven and new earth and the first heaven and the first earth will pass away" (Revelation 21:1).

Through Adam we learn about the heavenly world. The eternal beings there existed before the earthly world. These Beings are rulers with authority and power.

The twenty-four elders have authority. “Surrounding the throne were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads” (Revelation 4:4).

Sons of God are given judgment. “God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgment among the ‘gods’” (Psalm 82:1).

Christ is the tested stone who has fought many battles and won without sinning. God has awarded him many crowns. “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and **his head are many crowns**” (Revelation 19:11-12).

God Almighty loves this Son of God and honors Christ’s love for righteousness that God anoints him above his other sons. “But about the Son he [God Almighty] says, ‘Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God has set you above your companions, by anointing you with the oil of joy’” (Hebrews 1:8-9).

Ruling heavenly beings described as “cedars.” “Consider Assyria, **once a cedar in Lebanon**... The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it... no tree in the garden of God could match its beauty. I made it beautiful with abundant branches, the envy of all the trees of Eden in the garden of God... Because it towered on high, lifting its top above the thick foliage, and because it was proud of its height, I handed it over to the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with according to its wickedness, I cast it aside... **No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height**, they are all destined for death, for the earth below, among mortal men, with those who go down to the pit” (Ezekiel 31).

The imagery of “cedars” in God’s garden are the strong and powerful heavenly rulers. They are tall, robust, with branches that span a large area all indicates the level and magnitude of the authority given to them by God. But, the scripture shows that some of these heavenly rulers have gone rogue and God vows never to allow His creation to reach that height again. God’s newest creation, mankind, will never be allowed to reach that height (Ezekiel 31:14b). God loves his creation and the temptation to become proud is too great.

It is the rogue heavenly rulers who trick and deceive mankind into perpetual rebellion against God. “**FOR OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and **against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms**” (Ephesians 6:12).

Resurrected mankind pictured through Eve, will remain different: will not grow as tall as the fallen members of God’s holy court. God declares, “No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height” (Ezekiel 31:14b). None-the-less, resurrected mankind will rule and will be viewed as equals in God’s kingdom. Resurrected mankind will be welcomed into God’s heavenly kingdom. She will be radiant and her body, which mirrors her righteousness developed through suffering will be admired.

EVE was created to image the rulership of mankind. “... but the woman is the glory of man” (I Corinthians 11:7).

- She was created after Adam.
- Her body is different.
- She is the mother of all living.
- She is God’s newest creation, created from a rib from Adam.

Eve was created after Adam specifically to teach mankind that there exists in the heavenly realm other beings in God’s family.

The existing heavenly beings shouted for joy at the creation of mankind and honored the Supreme God.

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? ...On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the **morning stars sang together** and **ALL THE SONS OF GOD SHOUTED FOR JOY?**” (Job 38:6-7)

“And so the heavens will praise your wonderful deed, O LORD, even your faithfulness, in the **assembly of the holy ones**. For **who in the sky is equal to LORD?** Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; **HE IS MORE AWESOME ABOVE ALL SURROUNDING HIM?**” (Psalm 89:5-7).

“Then God said, ‘**Let us make man in our image**, in our likeness, and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of **God he created him; male and female** he created them” (Genesis 1:26-27).

She is a unique creation whose role and purpose was designed to compliment God’s existing family and to form a union that binds the members into one body, one mind, one being.

GOD’S ORDER OF AUTHORITY AS IT STANDS TODAY.

“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife/woman is her husband/man, and the head of Christ is God” (I Corinthians 11:3).

In the heavenly world, God Almighty is King and Lord of all. Christ is his body and rules second in-charge with him. The church, Christ’s Bride, when she is resurrected will rule with Christ, but he will always have pre-eminence over her. The other righteous heavenly rulers will continue to rule as they have done before the creation of mankind. Resurrected mankind will not have pre-eminence over existing heavenly rulers. The order of authority is clear from I Corinthians 11:3:

1. God Almighty is head of all
- 2a. **Christ rules second in-charge** ruling over the existing heavenly rulers
- 2b. Christ’s Bride will co-rule with Christ as a unified body; he is the head and she is his body. **CHRIST’S BRIDE WILL NOT USURP THE EXISTING HEAVENLY RULERS.**
- 2c. **Other heavenly rulers** continue to rule and hold their original positions in their domain, but now **they are under Christ’s rule**
3. The remaining resurrected mankind will be subject to those above them.

CHRIST’S POSTION OF AUTHORITY:

Christ is the head of every man, which pictures Christ ruling the heavenly realm under Almighty God. The head of a wife/woman is her husband/man, as Christ is the head of the church/mankind.

“For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior” (Ephesians 5:23).

Mankind owes their eternal life to Christ who paid the price for our sins. That is why God made Eve from the rib of Adam. Christ is the second Adam; through him repentant mankind receives eternal life.

The unique characteristic of mankind is the ability to reproduce, so too, the church produces spiritual children of God. It is the role of a good mother to teach and correct her children. With the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, this reproductive ability gives birth to billions of potential children of God. The churches ability to provide spiritual food and birth children of God is an admirable quality admired in the heavenly realm. The angels rejoice every time a sinner repents (Luke 15:10). She is likely to continue after her resurrection, in a similar role—teachers and priests always pointing to the path of righteousness and teaching the ways of God. Whatever form she will take after her resurrection, she will be radiant and a beautiful compliment for Christ.

ADAM AND EVE SINNED.

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it” (Genesis 3:6).

Eve first took of the forbidden fruit and offered it to Adam—her husband. Knowing it was wrong, he still ate and they together sinned against God. Eve mirrors how mankind is easily deceived. God wants us to succeed and choose the His way every time.

“Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you” (Genesis 3:16b). So, God has made mankind subject to Christ who will always show mankind the right way.

The reflection of this story runs deeper as it reveals that Adam (the first Adam) who was created to picture the rulers in the heavenly realm, sinned knowingly. They accepted the forbidden fruit offered to them by deceived mankind. Knowingly, they sinned against God. This story is written briefly into scripture.

Early after the creation, “when men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose... Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown” (Genesis 6:1-4).

Mankind is easily deceived. Whether the sons of God initiated that sin of mixing the species or mankind it is unclear. Mankind may have thought it was good. They may have thought this union would bare good fruit.

After the flood, it happened again, but his time it happened differently. The nations were going astray again at the time of Babel, so God divided the nations, confounded the language and gave the members of His heavenly court authority to rule over the nations as their inheritance. The people needed direct guidance. God, himself, participated in this project and gave as His portion, the descendants of Jacob.

“When **the Most High gave the nations their inheritance**, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples **according to the number in His heavenly court**. For the LORD’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance” (Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

When these sons of God began to rule, they liked the admiration from the people of the nations and they sought to be worshipped as God supreme. The fruit the people of the nations offered these heavenly rulers was their worship, which these rulers gladly accepted. King David knew this history.

“I said, ‘You are gods; **you are all sons of the Most High**. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**” (Psalm 82:6).

King David knew that these eternal heavenly rulers will be punished. They are not invincible. They will fall and die like mere men. Yet, King David pleaded with them to repent and return to worshipping God—the Supreme God.

"Let **all those be ashamed who serve graven images**, who boast themselves of idols; **WORSHIP HIM, ALL YOU GODS**" (Psalm 97:7).

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB IS THE GREAT GOD—THE CREATOR OF ALL.

God warned his people in hundreds of scriptures to worship only Him, the Creator and Supreme God.

King David said, “For **the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods**. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down to worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for **He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care**” (Psalm 95:3-7).

This fall was foreknown by God; He activated His Salvation Plan for Mankind. He chose a second Adam. The first Adam was replaced with the second Adam. The first Adam failed; all of the members of God’s heavenly court failed. Christ replaced them. If the members of God’s heavenly court had remained loyal and faithful, the nations they ruled over would have become their eternal companions.

Eve was never replaced because she was created to picture mankind. Mankind was given a redemption plan, but the first Adam will not be redeemed. All of the heavenly rulers who were part of the first Adam, will die like mere men (Psalm 82:6).

The imagery of the great cedars of Ezekiel 31 tell the story. “Then **all of the trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, all the trees that were well-watered, were consoled in the earth below**” (Ezekiel 31:16b).

All of God’s best sons in His heavenly court rebelled and those He taught who for time eternity served Him in wisdom and righteousness fell. God’s most experienced all fell.

“Yet you, too, will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth below; you will lie among the uncircumcised [the wicked], with those killed by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his hordes” (Ezekiel 31:18).

“Assyria is there... Elam is there... Meshech and Tubal are there... Edom is there... All the princes of the north and all the Sidonians are there... Pharaoh—he and all his army—will see them and he will be consoled for all his hordes that were killed by the sword...” (Ezekiel 32).

THEIR OFFSPRING WILL BE DESTROYED AS WELL; THEY WILL NOT SUCCEED.

Don't be tricked, they may appear human, but the offspring of the wicked are not God-fearing nor will they ever be God-serving. “At the time of your appearing, you will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; the LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will devour them. **Their offspring you will destroy from the earth, and their descendants from among the sons of men.** Though they intended evil against You and devised a plot, **they will not succeed**” (Psalm 21:9-11).

GOD CHOSE THE SECOND ADAM.

“**I myself** will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; **I will break off a tender sprig from the topmost shoots** and plant it on a high and lofty mount. **On the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it**” (Ezekiel 17:22-23).

God's secret plan for mankind's rescue is underway. The rogue sons of God knew nothing of this plan for if they had, they would not have crucified Jesus.

“None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**” (I Corinthians 2:8). They would have protected him, so that his death could not be the sacrifice that could pay the price for mankind's sins. They despise mankind and will do everything to keep mankind from eternal life and ruling in their place in God's kingdom.

During the Great Tribulation, the imprisoned gods will be released from the abyss for five months and they will torture unrepentant mankind. God commands them not to kill anyone, but with glee, they will torture with the sting of a scorpion.

“The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. **On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold**, their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. **They had a king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon**” (Revelation 9:7-11).

These fallen gods have lost their regal appearance and stature. They are dressed for war. Their once beautiful royal crowns are twisted and ingrown and hardly recognizable. Their skeletons protrude like a deformed crustacean revealing a tail that releases the sting of a scorpion. In their seething hatred for all living, they open their mouth wide to tear their prey apart with their teeth, yet wicked mankind remains loyal, still believing that these gods of old and the newly arrived gods care for them.

“The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; **they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols** of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, **their magic arts, their sexual immorality** or their thefts” (Revelation 9:20-21).

God is patient with mankind, working to show them who they really worship. Wickedness takes people into very dark places. The longer they stay, the harder it is for them to take the light.

GOD'S PLAN CANNOT BE THWARTED. GOD KNOWS WHAT LIES DEEP IN THE HEARTS OF HIS CREATED CHILDREN.

One and only one Son of God succeeded. This son is well tested. He wears many crowns for he has won many battles against evil. He is the Son that God is well-pleased. He is “the rider on the white horse called Faithful and True... He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God... Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter.’ He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:11-16).

Jesus Christ is the rider on the white horse, the Word of God, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. He is the splendid cedar that replaced the tall cedars of old. “**On the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it, it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar**” (Ezekiel 17:23).

GOD IS ESTABLISHING A NEW GOVERNMENT.

The old government was tested and the most trained and experienced failed. Now, God is rebuilding his government and establishing it in Israel, his chosen people. Insignificant mankind will drop to their knees and from out of their humility and servitude, a new government will be formed comprised of eternally humble and repentant people ruling with Christ under God Almighty in God’s royal, majestic, vast, eternal kingdom. The gods simply don’t want mankind to know this. They want to keep mankind trapped in the repetitive burdens of life in this temporary world.

The second Adam succeeded where the first failed. Eve has been saved. She is the perfect help-meet for Christ. They have so much in common. He suffered, she suffered. He loves righteousness, she hates wickedness. He was spirit and became flesh and resurrected back into his former glory, she was made flesh but will be soon transformed into the glory of God. He died for her, she doesn’t love her life so much as to be afraid to die for him. He shepherds her and she follows him, wherever he goes. She is the New Jerusalem, the Holy City that will come out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband (Revelation 21:2).

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, **a tested stone [Yahshuah/Jesus], a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed**” (Isaiah 28:16).

Mankind is God’s newest creation who is exceedingly blessed because God, that is, the Almighty Supreme God is planning to dwell with them. “Now **the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God**” (Revelation 21:3). Satan, the rogue gods and all the other wicked heavenly beings are envious of mankind and filled with hatred. They are working to keep mankind deceived and ignorant of their calling and wonderful future.

“By your **magic spell the nations were led astray**” (Revelation 18:23).

The mysterious reflection always in view from the creation of mankind is crystal clear. Mankind was made male and female, living examples to teach mankind about what exists in the heavens and their place in God’s kingdom. God is transparent; He wants you to know. Learn His code: the reflections—mirroring, parables, imagery, parallels.

“But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him. But **GOD HAS REVEALED IT TO US BY THE SPIRIT. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God**’” (I Corinthians 2:9-10).

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